

“Building the bridge between CUNY,  
and the Asian American / Asian community.”

### City Tech Prof Develops Portable Device to Monitor Air Quality

Andy Zhang, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology, and his students at City Tech designed a portable device called AirCasting that monitors air quality and transmits the data to a smartphone app. Zhang said there is interest in the air monitors from institutions in California, Colorado, and as far away as Poland, Hong Kong and China.

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### Noted Earth Scientist Named Dean of Lehman College's School of Natural and Social Sciences

Dr. Gautam Sen will join Lehman College in September 2014. Dr. Sen comes to the Bronx after serving as Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies and Professor of Environmental Sciences at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

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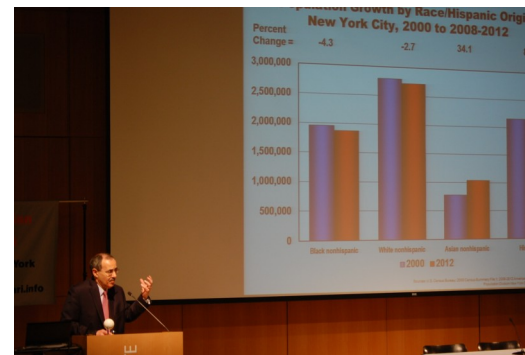
### Prof Receives the ASC 2014 Outstanding Article Award for Research in Criminology

Chongmin Na, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, and his co-author Ray Paternoster (University of Maryland), wrote about the testing of the long-term stability thesis of Gottfredson and Hirschi's (1990) general theory of crime and to examination of the relationship between self-control and social control over time.

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Dr. Joseph J. Salvo presents on the New York City Asian population.



L to R: Darrel Sukhdeo, Richard S. David & Roy Dhanraj Singh discuss the growing Indo-Caribbean population in Richmond Hill, Queens.



Luncheon networking session.

### CUNY Conference on Rethinking New York City's Asian American Communities

**5/5/14** – Sponsored by the CUNY Diversity Project Development Fund, over 100 people attended AAARI's annual conference at the CUNY Graduate Center. Over the last 2 decades, the Asian American population in New York City has exploded with 110% growth, and is more diverse than ever, hailing not only from East Asia but from South and Southeast Asia, as well as from secondary migrations such as the Indo-Guyanese. Nearly 78% of NYC's Asian Americans are foreign born. AAARI's conference sought to answer the questions as to who they are, where they have chosen to locate and how their communities have grown, how to preserve the culture and historical heritage of these communities for the older communities, and to prepare new communities who will want to preserve their history in the US. It also connected scholars and community to identify trends and issues of concern for these communities.

Starting off the conference, Dr. Joseph Salvo from the NYC Department of City Planning presented data on NYC's Asian population from, *The Newest New Yorkers: Characteristics of the City's Foreign-born Population*, a 2013 report by City Planning. Following Dr. Salvo's presentation was a panel on New York's Indo-Caribbean Diaspora.

In the afternoon session on Preserving Our Historical and Cultural Heritage, Dona Graves, a historian and cultural planner, presented: *East of Main Street: A National APIA Heritage Mapping Project*, which allows communities to use the internet to share points of historical significance in their neighborhoods. Jocelyne Chait, a planning consultant talked about, *Culture & Historic Preservation for Manhattan's Chinatown*, through the creation of a Special District, landmarking, and other tools.

During the final conference session on Mapping Asian American Research, Prof. John Chin (Hunter College) presented his preliminary research with UCLA, on *Asian Immigrant Female Sex Work in LA and New York City*. Prof. Ken Guest (Baruch College) presented on *East Broadway in Manhattan's Chinatown and its expanding transnational labor migration*.

Video: [www.aaari.info/2014communities.htm](http://www.aaari.info/2014communities.htm)



### Tak Furumoto: A Leadership Success Story

**5/30/14** – AAARI co-sponsored an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month talk by Mr. Tak Furumoto, President and CEO of Furumoto Realty. Born in an internment camp for Japanese Americans in Tule Lake, California during World War II, Mr. Furumoto shared his personal life story of growing up in Hiroshima after his family was forced to leave the US, becoming a decorated Vietnam War veteran, and being a trailblazer in the early days of the relocation service business assisting Japanese companies and their employees with finding commercial and residential properties in the US.

Video: [www.aaari.info/14-05-30Furumoto.htm](http://www.aaari.info/14-05-30Furumoto.htm)

### Joyce Moy Testifies at US Congressional Hearing on Small Business

**3/14/14** – At the invitation of the US Congressional House Committee on Small Business, Joyce Moy, executive director of AAARI, testified on the issues of under-served business communities, needs and barriers to access to federal programs by Asian American and other minority owned business. Moy spoke about need for culturally and linguistically competent technical assistance, and how the lack of these services impacts the large Asian business community as 78% of New York City's Asian population is foreign born.

She appeared before Congressional members Nydia Velasquez, Ranking member of the Committee, and Grace Meng, Ranking member, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, both of whom represent districts with large Asian populations. The hearing was chaired by Richard Hanna from upstate New York, and also attended by Yvette Clark from Brooklyn, Ranking member of the Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations of the Small Business Committee.

### 2014 CUNY Asian American Film Festival

**6/20/14** – AAARI presented its 11th Annual CUNY Asian American Film Festival at the CUNY Graduate Center. Winner and runner-up recipients in each of the three film categories received \$200 and \$100 respectively. This year's festival saw the return of two winners from last year, Kayoko Nakamura (Hunter College) and Fan He (City College), taking home top prizes in Documentary and Experimental film. Also for the first time, an entry from Queens College was awarded a prize, adding to the growing list of past winners from campuses that include City College, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, Lehman College, and College of Staten Island.

Fan He's Red Fog will be shown at the upcoming Asian American International Film Festival, presented by Asian CineVision.

### 2014 Winner and Runner-ups

#### Fiction

Winner: Karl - Jungwoo Lee (Brooklyn College)  
 Runner-up: Long Roads - Joyce Lau (Queens College)

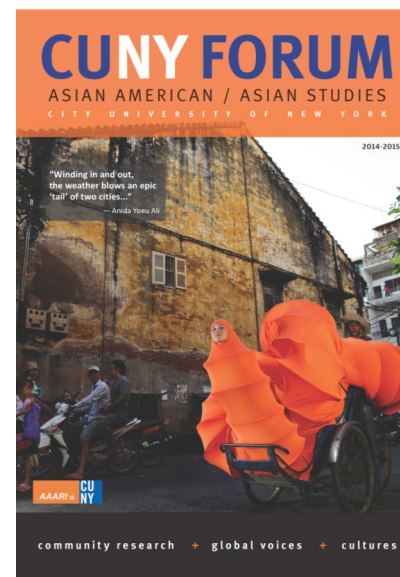
#### Documentary

Winner: Silent Exposure - Kayoko Nakamura (Hunter College)  
 Runner-up: Our Space; Our Food; Our Bed Stuy - Phung Tran-khamphouvong (Hunter College)

#### Experimental

Winner: Red Fog - Fan He (City College)  
 Runner-up: Banished Wonderland - Chung-Hui Chao (Hunter College)

Video: [www.aaari.info/2014aaff.htm](http://www.aaari.info/2014aaff.htm)



### Global Voices, Local Identities

AAARI's soon to be released second issue of CUNY FORUM (Volume 2:1, Fall 2014 to Winter 2015, ISSN: 2329-1125, \$15.00) features a mix of a Nobel Prize recipient together with notable Asian Pacific scholars, journalists, political leaders and public artists including individuals connected with Bangladesh, South Africa, Vietnam, Cambodia, Korea, Nepal, Taiwan, Japan, and the Philippines. The FORUM, takes its cue from new media approaches and introduces its contents through a visual mapping diagram, with keys and links to free digitally-available content.

Published and distributed by AAARI, CUNY FORUM is the first journal in the City University of New York's 166-year history to focus entirely on Asian and Asian American topics. CUNY FORUM is edited by Russell C. Leong, American Book award writer and 2012-2013 CUNY Thomas Tam Visiting Professor. Its editorial board is comprised of prominent national scholars from CUNY, New York University, Vassar College, Brown University, UMass Boston, the Smithsonian, and UCLA.

#### TOPICS COVERED

- Shared dialogue on college, community, and activism
- Community Research
- Global Voices: Asia, Africa, Americas

To preview and purchase copies of CUNY FORUM, Volume 1:1 & 2:1, visit [www.aaari.info/cunyforum](http://www.aaari.info/cunyforum)

### Private Danny Chen Way

**5/17/14** - AAARI co-sponsored a reception/ceremony by OCA-NY for the co-naming of Private Danny Chen Way, located on the corner southeast corner of Canal and Elizabeth Streets in Manhattan's Chinatown. Private Chen attended one semester at Baruch College/CUNY before enlisting in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Afghanistan, Private Chen was harassed and beaten by his fellow soldiers before his untimely death on October 3, 2011 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The U.S. Army later charged eight soldiers with various crimes related to the death of Private Chen.

Private Danny Chen Way is the third street co-naming in Manhattan's Chinatown after someone of Asian descent. The other two individuals are Zhe "Zack" Zeng (Bayard/Mulberry Street), and Dr. Thomas Tam (Cortlandt Alley/Canal Street).

